

40. (Amended) A nucleic acid encoding a chimeric protein which binds a nucleic acid comprising a composite binding site, wherein the chimeric protein comprises two nucleic acid-binding domains, [,] each of which binds a sequence which is a portion of the composite binding site[,], wherein only one of the two nucleic acid-binding domains includes a zinc finger motif, and wherein the two nucleic acid-binding domains [domains]
- (i) do not occur in the same protein in nature;
 - (ii) do not occur in the same protein in nature in the order in which they are present in the chimeric protein; or
 - (iii) do not occur in nature with the same spacing that is present in the chimeric protein.
57. (Amended) The nucleic acid of claim 40, wherein the chimeric protein further comprises [a functional] an additional domain.
58. (Amended) The nucleic acid of claim 57, wherein the [functional] additional domain is a regulatory domain.
63. (Amended) The nucleic acid of claim 57, wherein the [functional] additional domain is a nucleic acid cleavage domain.
65. (Amended) The nucleic acid of claim 57, wherein the [functional] additional domain is selected from the group consisting of a domain interacting with a cellular component, a domain which controls the stability of the chimeric protein, and a domain which controls subcellular localization.
76. (Amended) The method of claim 75, wherein the chimeric protein further comprises [a functional] an additional domain.
77. (Amended) The method of claim 76, wherein the [functional] additional domain is a regulatory domain.